

## REMARKS

1. In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-20 were originally presented for examination. In the outstanding Office Action, all claims were rejected. By the foregoing Amendments, claims 1-20 have been canceled. New claims 21-53 have been added. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 21-53 will be pending in this application. Of these thirty-three (33) claims, three (3) claims (claims 21, 26, and 41) are independent. Based on the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding objections and rejections be reconsidered, and that they be withdrawn.

### *Art of Record*

2. Applicant acknowledges receipt of form PTO-892 identifying additional references made of record by the Examiner.

### *Amendments to the Specification*

3. Applicant has amended the specification to correct various informalities. No new matter has been added.

### *Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 112, second paragraph*

4. Claims 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. Claims 18 and 19 have been canceled, rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

### *Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 102(e)*

5. Independent claims 1, 10 and 17 and dependent claims 2-7, 9, 11-15 and 18-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,424,979 to Livingston, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Livingston"). Additionally, dependent claims 8 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Livingston, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,894 to Short, *et al* (hereinafter, Short). Claims 1-20 have been canceled thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot. The primary reference relied upon by the Examiner, Livingston, is discussed briefly below with reference to the new claims.

6. Livingston is directed to a system that provides views of a technical architecture of an enterprise that take into account the content type, level of detail and time frame of the information desired by a user. Different users, each with a browser interface, select a portal specifying the type of content to be viewed. A profile of the user indicates the level of detail and time frame of information to be obtained. The interface provides the user's selection of desired information within the portal in the form of a page request that is converted into queries of a database that seek content satisfying the type, level of detail and time frame attributes of the request. The content is formed into a web page and provided to the interface by the web server. (See, Livingston, Abstract; col. 2, lns. 34-62; and col. 4, ln. 4-col. 5, ln. 45.)

7. Livingston neither discloses, teaches nor suggests a method for filtering on-line service information provided through a management portal to a customer of customized network services provided by resources of a service provider network, as recited in Applicant's claim 21. Specifically, Livingston fails to disclose, teach or suggest "applying to said service provider network a security filter definable by service provider and not the customer, ... specifying the network resources of said partitioned network allocated to that customer; applying a display filter to resources of the server provided network not excluded by said security module, said display filter specifying network resources for which the on-line service information is desired by the customer; and executing at least one management information module to generate a portal display of on-line service information, wherein said at least one management information module operates on only those network resources of said service provider network which have not been excluded by said security filter and said display filter." In contrast, Livingston is limited to providing individual users with the capability of viewing desired information regarding an enterprise network. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that new independent claim 21 and claims 22-25 which depend therefrom, are patentable over the art of record.

8. New independent claims 26, 41 and 46 are also patentable over the art of record for at lease the same reasons as those noted above.

### ***Dependent Claims***

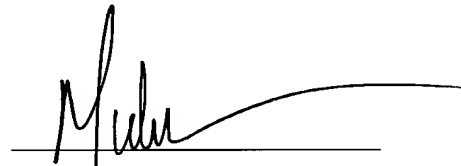
9. The dependent claims incorporate all of the subject matter of their respective independent claims and add additional subject matter which makes them a fortiori and

independently patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully assert that the dependent claims are patentable over the art of record at least for the same reasons as those noted above.

***Conclusion***

10. In view of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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